

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

G. J. E.—Newman was received into the Catholic Church on October 9, 1845. Manning was a Cambridge man. He received Anglican Orders before becoming a Catholic. He was made Archbishop and afterwards Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. His devotional books are sound reading. As a literary writer he was eclipsed by his brilliant contemporary, Newman, but Manning was a far greater stylist than most people suspect. His volumes on The Holy Ghost are well known. He also wrote some historical papers.

"QUERY."—Henry VIII. was married about eighteen years before he developed scruples of conscience about his marriage. Age had not improved the Queen's appearance and she had at this time a sprightly, good-looking maid, named Anne Boleyn, from whose *beaux yeux* the peculiar arrows which he said hit him in the conscience were shot at Hal. Later he developed other scruples as a result of which Anne and many other wives of the old man's lost their heads in no metaphorical sense. Of course the king can do no wrong. Every good Jingo knows that.

M. M. C.—There is at present in an institution not far from here a man who says he is St. Patrick. He does not always say so, but sometimes he does. In our opinion he would make a first-rate Minister of Education. He has just the sort of imagination and sanity required, as far as we can judge, and his history is also up to the standard of accuracy expected in ex cathedra ministerial excuses.

SEAN.—Peter O'Connor of Waterford has the record. He does not always get credit for it but that does not matter. He has the blessed thing for ever in our opinion. He jumped 24 feet 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches more than once. In Kilkenny he did 25 feet, but for some reason it was not recorded. Of course he was only another "inefficient" Irish Catholic of the sort called on to fight for tyrants when they are in trouble.

CATHOLIC.—The law binds all Catholics who have come to the use of reason to go to Holy Communion at Easter tide. An unworthy Communion does not satisfy the precept. If unfulfilled at Easter it still urges through the year. The law dates back to the Lateran Council of 1215. Its observance draws the line between true and nominal Catholics. Members of secret societies, Freemasons, persons living in habitual sin without purpose of emendation cannot receive Easter Communion worthily. The penalty used to be excommunication.

TOURIST.—The best all-round guide book to New Zealand is, in our humble opinion, a work by a German medico, Max Herz. He is a keen observer and there is little in the country that he did not see. For example, he says that unless a man is removed secretly by the police at night it is impossible to move from one town to another in New Zealand without having to listen to several speeches and to carry away a pair of hair brushes.

P. T. D.—The answer is *ignominis* (a verb, first person plural, not a noun used as an interjection).

P. J. S.—So far as we know Carson is not an Orangeman. Remember he is a man of brains.

QUID NUNC.—Missions are certainly for the purpose of reviving the faith and exciting people to fervor in the performance of their duties. But seeing how few missionaries are available and how large the field of labor it is unreasonable to expect them to visit parishes oftener than every three years. No doubt the environment is fatal to many Catholics. But we are all doing our best. The Protestants add a verse of the New Testament called the Doxology. Why they do so we are not aware any more than why they say Our Father which art in Heaven. Jesuits' Powder or rather Jesuits' Bark received in another form the name of quinine derived from a Baroness Cinchon.

T. H.—Thanks for your note. We thought they were confounding it with Castle Fergus in Ulster.

BOOK NOTICES

Shops and Houses. By Frank Swinnerton. Methuen and Co., London.

To those who love a quiet study of life in a suburban town which the levelling influences of Mammon have hardly touched this book will be welcome. Frank Swinnerton depicts the snobbishness and the petty pride of "Society" in such a town admirably and artistically. The very pious and very Christian old ladies, with their bitter tongues, their malicious gossip, their prying into their neighbor's business are well drawn. The foolish conceit that makes professional people and independent spinsters in such an environment regard with disdain the shopkeepers with whom they deal is true to life. The hero and his cousin, whose father happens to belong to the ostracised business class, are sympathetically revealed and the main interest of the book lies in their romance. The story is written with distinction. It is from a literary point of view vastly superior to most novels of the day.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart. By Rev. J. J. C. Petrovits. Herder, London (6/- net).

This work, which was submitted to the Faculty of Sacred Sciences at the Catholic University of America as a thesis for the Doctorate of Theology, and which is now introduced to Catholic readers by his Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, aims at combating the religious tepidity and the materialism of the times by making better known among the faithful the Devotion to the Sacred Heart to whom the Holy Father in his wisdom consecrated the human race which so badly needs a spiritual uplifting in the present age. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is the special form of love and reparation which our Lord wishes to receive from His adorers to-day. Love is its motive and is the real antidote against the coldness towards Christ, towards our fellow-men, towards religion generally which is the result of the worship of Venus and Mammon by the moderns. The author appreciates the necessity for setting forth the solid foundations on which the devotion rests. He treats exhaustively of the Nine Fridays and of the Promises made to Margaret Mary. Whether from a theological or from a historical point of view the study is well calculated to satisfy critical readers and to promote among the faithful the knowledge and practice of the Love of Christ in the way most pleasing to Himself. For preachers and directors of confraternities Father Petrovits' book will be very useful. It is a special study on the subject which is a welcome addition to any Catholic library.

A Commentary on Canon Law. By Rev. Charles P. Augustine, O.S.B., D.D. Herder, London. (Vol. I., 6/-; Vol. II., 10/6 net.)

The first volume of Father Augustine's work deals with the introduction and general rules and devotes sixty pages to the history and literature of Canon Law. This is followed by the Encyclical "Providentissima" of Benedict XV. promulgating the new Code, and by a treatise on Laws, Customs, and Privileges. The second volume treats of Ecclesiastical Persons, from the simple priest to the Pope. The Canons referring to the duties and offices of the clergy, to elections, to congregations, to councils, chapters, and synods are commented on. The work on its first appearance was favorably noticed by such Catholic papers as *The Month*, *The Catholic Times*, *The Ecclesiastical Review*, and *The Universe*. Father Augustine taught Canon Law at St. Anselmo, in Rome, between 1906 and 1915, and he ought therefore to be master of his subject. Corrections are needed here and there before unqualified approval can be given to the volumes before us. We do not endorse the favorable opinion of the reviewers.

The Round Table, March, 1919 (2/6). This quarterly contains many articles which will interest imperialists.

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